

2017: May

Greetings folks

This is the running update from the Executive Director. Have questions or comments? Suggest some added information or edits? Contact the ED colin at kantarainitiative dot org.

Whew, that was a whirlwind May!

The action started on May 1st as we gathered in Mountain View for Vendor Relationship Management (VRM) day, the now traditional precursor to the Internet Identity Workshop (IIW).

Many of the attendees and presenters were presenting Kantara-derived solutions and together with VRM's anchor organization Customer Commons Inc, we share the same philosophies around 'do not track'.

Customer Commons uses Kantara's platform to develop its User Submitted Terms project in the same wiki area used by Consent Receipt, [under the Consent and Information Sharing Work Group](#).

I encourage you to support the great work going on there as all online providers serving EU located citizens count down the days till GDPR enforcement. Kantara's artefacts in the form of [UMA 2.0](#) and [Consent Receipt](#) along with its API the Consent Receipt Generator, is one of just a handful of actual free downloadable tools for use to enable organizations

to seize the opportunities for good corporate citizenry and competitive advantage that the GDPR offers. Matthias Reinwarth, a Kuppinger Cole analysts explained it [this way](#).

IIW was itself the 'family gathering' we know it for but like all extended families, a bunch of new folks show up with new ideas to challenge 'de jure' thinking in the space, which is always interesting. Kantara and other sponsors make the event possible. Thanks to the many members and non-member participants who led sessions on UMA, ID Pro, Consent Management, Identity conformance assessment and policy sessions related to digital identity.

The following week the digital identity circus moved onto Munich for the European Identity Conference. Kantara held its pre-conference workshop and European Plenary which was packed full again,

despite being given a bigger room this year. The workshop was capped off with big blue 'ID Pro Body of Knowledge' cake - courtesy of BoK project lead and 'local' Thorsten Niebuhr.

Some folks joined 'Breakfast with Kantara' the following day, before being treated to some fantastic keynotes from Eve Maler on UMA, Ian Glazer on ID Pro and Allan Foster on Consent.

Kantara was 'in the news' later that week as the story broke about its 3 applied research and development projects being granted by DHS up to a total of US\$2.4M, as we cascade these funds down to the project performers.

The following week I was representing Kantara at the OECD HQ in Paris where Kantara is carrying out its responsibilities to [ITAC](#) in its support of OECD member nations with advice on Security and Privacy related matters of the continued development of the digital economy. I gratefully acknowledge the support of other members who were attending the K(NO)W conference in Washington DC that same week.

As I am writing this Kantara is making final preparations for its booth, [pre-conference workshop](#) and several presentations and panels at the [Cloud Identity Summit in Chicago](#). Please wear your Kantara 'swag' or seek out those sporting buttons, banners and stickers, to get yours. See you there!

I want to finish this month's Director's corner with a shout-out to the new members joining Kantara over the past few months: from the UK, **Adunity** (on the side of 'good' wrt the UK digital advertising community), **Meeco** from the Personal Data community, **Identity.com** seeking approval under Kantara's Identity Assurance Program and TrustMark, European identity solution providers **UbiSecure** (welcome back guys!), and **Janelle Allen & William Lowe** as individual contributors.

Recognition of new members should be given in the context of grateful thanks for renewing members, without whose support I would not be writing this today on this platform; Deutsche Telekom AG, Government of Canada, Internet2, Neustar,

Scott Perry Associates, Symantec, Synchronoss/Zentry and a whole bunch of committed individual contributors.

Kind Regards

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Around the Houses:

Marketing:

We had good press and social network coverage May.

- Follow <https://twitter.com/KantaraNews> and <https://twitter.com/UMAWG> and <https://twitter.com/KantaraCISWG>.
- **KIPI** - the Kantara Identity, Privacy Incubator, featured strongly 'in the news'.

Program, Work Group and Discussion Group Updates:

- Keep a look out for a new Report - "Refining the Design Principles of Identity Relationship Management v2.0f from the Identity Relationship Management Work Group, hitting the [Reports and Recommendations](#) page later this month.
- You can keep up with all the latest directly off the Leadership Council's Blog [here](#) or come to see our Working Group Chairs in action at CIS '17 in Chicago June 19-22nd.
- As always if you have a query or question, staff are only too willing to assist. Email them here <https://kantarainitiative.org/contact-us/>

Events: See them here! <https://kantarainitiative.org/calendars/>

- And still stay tuned for extra special events September and beyond. 😊

Kind Regards

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